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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

COAST GUARD FOR POLAD

1. EGYPTIAN/ISRAELI AGREEMENT. UN SPOKESMAN HAS ANNOUNCED
EGYPT AND ISRAEL WILL SIGN SIX POINT AGREEMENT AT 1300
LOCAL NOVEMBER 11 AT KM 101 ON CAIRO-SUEZ ROAD UNDER
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SUPERVISION GEN. SIILASVUO. MRS. MEIR, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

TO ATTEND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL UNION CONFERENCE IN

LONDON, ANNOUNCED ISRAEL WOULD SIGN AGREEMENT. MRS. MEIR

NOTED ISRAEL WOULD IMPLEMENT ALL ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

SCRUPULOUSLY IN ADDITION TO CEASE-FIRE ON SEA, LAND, AND AIR. ARAB DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN CAIRO ARE REPORTED IN PRESS AS STATING BAB EL-MANDEB BLOCKADE WILL BE LIFTED IF ISRAEL ABIDES BY CEASE-FIRE.

2. SOVIET REACTION TO AGREEMENT. TASS HAS NOTED "SOME RATHER SUBSTANTIAL DISCREPANCIES" BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND CAIRO VERSIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH CAIRO SPEAKING OF RETURNING TO OCTOBER 22 POSITIONS WHILE WASHINGTON REFERS ONLY TO TALKS TO SOLVE QUESTION OF RETURNING TO OCTOBER 22 POSITIONS. THIS STORY LATER KILLED WITH FOLLOW UP QUOTING ONLY CAIRO VERSION OF AGREEMENT. SOVIET TELEVISION COMMENTATOR EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM AGREEMENT WOULD HOLD.

3. CEASE-FIRE. ISRAELI MILITARY COMMAND SAID MEN OF EGYPT'S THIRD ARMY ATTEMPTED TRANSFER SUPPLIES FROM AREA OF SUEZ CITY TO EAST BANK OF CANAL. SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED TO PREVENT RESUPPLY OUTSIDE FRAMEWORK OF AGREED SUPPLY TRANSFERS. IN SECOND ARMY AREA, LIGHT ARMS FIRE WAS EXCHANGED TWICE. SHOTS ALSO EXCHANGED NORTH OF ADABIYAH. TWO EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED SOUTH OF ISMAILIYA. ISRAELIS CLAIM TWO VIOLATIONS BY SYRIA IN BEIT JINN AREA, ONE INVOLVING ARTILLERY BARRAGE THAT WAS ANSWERED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE.

4. PEACE CONFERENCE. HEYKAL WRITES IN AL AHRAH THAT ME PEACE CONFERENCE IS LIKELY TO BE HELD SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER IN GENEVA.

5. POW'S. IN HER ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ISRAEL WOULD SIGN TRUCE AGREEMENT, MRS. MEIR MENTIONED ONLY THAT POW'S HELD IN EGYPT WOULD SOON BE RELEASED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO POW'S IN SYRIA. PRESS REPORTS ABBA EBAN SAID POW EXCHANGE WITH SYRIA WAS CENTRAL POINT OF 90 MINUTE TALK WITH UN SYG WALDHEIM. EBAN SAID ISRAEL WANTS VIGOROUS INTERNATIONAL ACTION BY SYG, ICRC AND BIG TWO "WHICH
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HAD PROMISED THAT THERE WOULD BE RELEASE OF PRISONERS BY SYRIA AS WELL AS EGYPT."

6. JORDAN CABINET SHUFFLED. KING HUSSEIN ANNOUNCED RESHUFFLE OF CABINET MAINLY AFFECTING ECONOMIC POSTS WITH FORMER MINISTERS OF FINANCE, ECONOMY AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS LEAVING CABINET COMPLETELY. RUMORS THAT KING INTENDS REPLACE PM ZAID RIFAI SO FAR NOT BORNE OUT. AP REPORT NOTES DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS SAY KEY CHANGE WAS APPOINTMENT ADNAN ABU ODEH INFORMATION MINISTER. ACCORDING PRESS, ODEH IS PALESTINIAN WHO IS EXPECTED PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN EXPLAINING JORDAN'S POSITION IN REALIGNING OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND APPEARS INDICATE END

TO JORDAN'S SILENCE ON ARAB AFFAIRS. AP ALSO REPORTS HUSSEIN RECEIVED PLEDGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT JORDAN WOULD PLAY PRINCIPAL ROLE FROM BEGINNING IN FORTHCOMING ME NEGOTIATIONS.

7. ICRC MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTS THAT MRS. MEIR HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS ICRC MEDICAL CONVOY BE ALLOWED PROCEED TO SUEZ CITY (SITREP 106). ICRC HAS INFORMED GOI THAT CONVOY WOULD BE AT KM 102 AT 1000 LOCAL TIME NOVEMBER 11 TO PROCEED TO SUEZ CITY.

8. ASST. SECRETARY SISCO IN LEBANON. PRESS REPORTS LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER FUAD NAFFA STATED AT END OF MEETING WITH ASST. SECY. SISCO THAT ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS CALLS FOR OPTIMISM. HE EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT PEACE IN AREA IS NEITHER IMPOSSIBLE NOR TOO FAR OFF.

9. UNEF/UNTSO. FIRST UNITS OF CANADIAN PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DEPARTED FOR ME. ENTIRE CANADIAN CONTINGENT OF 400-500 MEN WILL BE IN PLACE WITHIN FOUR DAYS TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS FOR UNEF.

10. MIDDLE EAST TRAVELERS. MRS. MEIR HAS LEFT TEL AVIV FOR LONDON TO ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. WHILE IN LONDON SHE WILL HOLD PRIVATE TALKS WITH BRITISH PM EDWARD HEATH, CONFER WITH SOME OF EIGHT OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ATTENDING CONFERENCE AND MEET LEADERS OF BRITISH JEWISH COMMUNITY. PRES. SADAT'S SPECIAL ADVISER MOHAMED EL ZAYYAT ARRIVED IN BELGRADE
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WITH SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR PRES. TITO FROM SADAT FOLLOWING HAFEZ EL ASAD'S SPECIAL ENVOY MINISTER ABDULLAH AL KHANI WHO ARRIVED EARLIER WITH A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR PRES. TITO FROM EL ASAD. RUSH

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED SUVA, BANJUL, CURACAO AND MARTINIQUE.

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